

21st October

Annual General Meeting

The society's AGM followed by a talk on **James Ravilious Devon photographer** – Robin Ravilious will discuss her late husband's evocative images of rural Devon life.

18th November

"Mad, bad and fascinating to know"

An illustrated talk by Dr Geri Parlbay on the Russels of Tavistock - colourful ancestors of the Dukes of Bedford.



16th December

Christmas Dinner

Date & venue to be confirmed. Details will be sent out nearer the time.

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PROGRAMME 2020



A Devon farmer (*James Ravilious*)
See October's meeting

Meetings are on the third Wednesday each month in the Stables Room at The Union Inn, 10 Ford Street, Moretonhampstead TQ13 8LN & start at 7.30 p.m. *unless stated otherwise*. Non-members welcome - £4 on the door (free if in full-time education).

15th January

Who were the rightful heirs to the throne in the 15th century – York or Lancaster?

We all know about the fatal conflict between the houses of York & Lancaster in the Wars of the Roses - a political struggle for the throne - but how come it arose, & can we say either side was in the right? Dr Ian Mortimer's Presidential talk explores the historical context of this real 'game of thrones'.

19th February

Haytor Granite – a Celebration

Stuart Drabble's talk celebrates the opening of the Haytor Granite Railroad on Dartmoor in 1820.



Haytor Granite Quarry in 1827
(James Cartwright)

18th March

Dartmoor songs with jig dolls, spoons etc.

An evening of entertainment by Bill Murray, the acclaimed local folk singer & collector, & friends.

15th April

North East Dartmoor & the Black Death

Dr David Stone's illustrated talk will describe the impact of the plague on our area and assess its longer term effects.

20th May

Aethelred the Unready & the South West

The Anglo-Saxon king Aethelred the Unready is considered to be inscrutable, irrational & poorly advised. Dr Levi Roach reassesses this reputation in his actions in the West Country.

Aethelred the
Unready depicted in
the Abingdon
Chronicle c1220.
(British Library)



12th June

Saint Katherine's Priory Exeter

An evening tour with John Allan, the renowned local archaeologist. The monument includes much of the surviving remains of a Benedictine nunnery founded before 1159 & dissolved in 1539.

10th July

Buckfastleigh

A morning tour of Joint Mitnor Cave, lunch in the Abbey, afternoon tour of the Valiant Soldier Museum Pub & other historic parts of the town.

12th August

Fulford House, Dunsford

An afternoon guided tour of this historic house (once trashed by Moretonians!) with the owner followed by optional cream tea.



Tudor wood panelling
at Fulford House.
(J Hardiman)

16th September

Sittaford Stone Circle & my other Dartmoor discoveries

Alan Endacott was brought up on Dartmoor & has spent his life exploring & trying to make sense of its world-famous prehistoric landscapes, especially the Neolithic & Bronze Age ceremonial or ritual monuments.